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DISCOVER LONDON'S WATERWAYS

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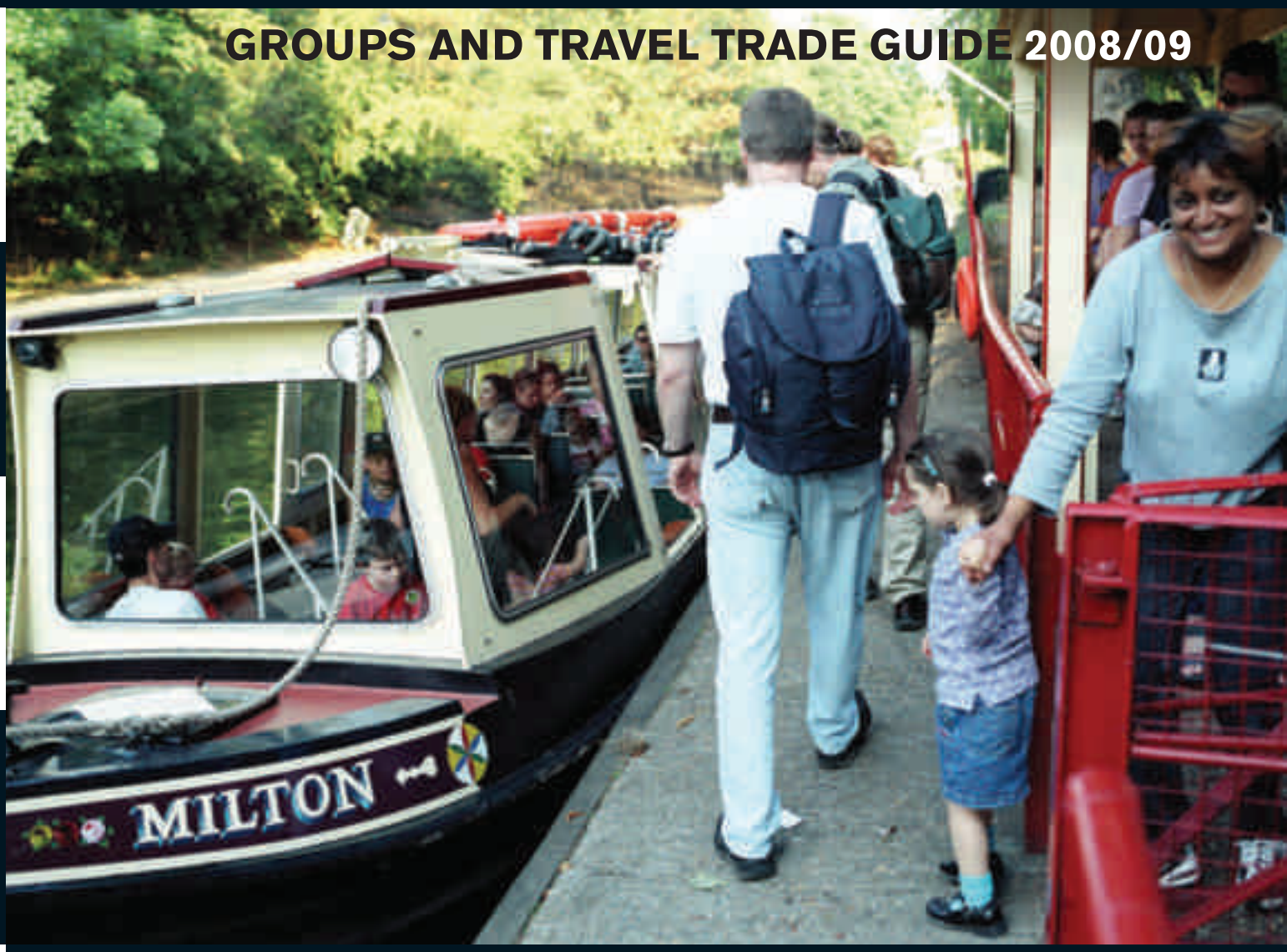

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INTRODUCTION

As they wind through the capital, London's waterways link some of the city's most unique and unforgettable sites.

From the poetic haunts of Robert Browning at the Pool of Little Venice to the unspoiled habitats of the Lea Valley or the historic Hanwell Flight the waterways bring something extra special to some of the city's most exceptional settings. With the many irresistible cafés, pubs and eateries which populate their route, London's canals and rivers offer a variety of days out to suit a wide range of groups, organisations and individuals.

Combining suggested itineraries, key highlights, venue contact details and logistical information, this guide is designed to support travel trade organisers and independent visitors alike, planning exceptional itineraries across the network.

IRRESISTIBLE ITINERARIES ACROSS LONDON

CENTRAL LONDON

Threading together some of central London's most charming sites, the Regent's Canal offers a corridor of calm and tranquillity through the busy city.

- When you arrive at Paddington station you're just a short stroll along the towpath away from the picturesque Pool of Little Venice. This leafy junction of the waterways at the heart of regency London is well worth a wander-round to start your day.
- Next, charter a boat for a relaxing meander up the Grand Union Canal to Kensal Green. Here the historic cemetery runs along the waterway. Disembark for a unique guided tour around the cemetery and its catacombs which will take you from the macabre to the magnificent.
- Continue to follow the navigation to the Grand Union pub at Westbourne Park. With its outdoor seating area overlooking the canal it's the perfect place to watch the world go by.
- If you've got stamina to spare you're just around the corner from the famous Portobello Road markets. Wander round the colourful stalls and even pick up a memento of your unique day out on central London's waterways.

For more ideas about days out with a difference in central London, turn to pages 6 and 7...

WEST LONDON

West London's waterways and their surroundings are steeped in history. With picturesque waterways' structures and rolling park lands alongside increasingly bustling urban locations, a window onto the past is just one of the many attractions of this area.

- Start your day at the historic Hanwell Flight of locks. This ancient scheduled monument is also the site of 'Three Bridges by Brunel' making it a unique showcase of the achievements of the groundbreaking engineers who designed and built the waterways network.
- Admire these impressive structures from the exceptional vantage point of a chartered boat which can take you on to the houses and grounds of the stately homes at Osterley or Syon Park.
- Brentford Lock, with its paved piazza, is another warm welcome back to dry land where you can enjoy variety of cafés, restaurants and watering holes over-looking the lock and basin.
- Continue south to end your day at the Royal Botanic Gardens at Kew. This world-famous attraction at the junction of the mighty River Thames and the Grand Union Canal is a spectacular setting at which to finish your day on West London's waterways.

Get more information about waterways in the west of the capital on pages 8 and 9...

KEY

Place of Interest

Theatre

Food & Drink

Public House

Boat Trip/ Floating Attraction

Private Boat Charter

Zoo/ Nature Park

Water Sports

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EAST LONDON

East London's transformation from a district dominated by slums to the preferred preserve of the city slicker makes it a fascinating location. A day spent in this part of London's canal network offers an intriguing insight into the vast variety of lives and lifestyles that have shaped this area and created a community as diverse and exciting as its past.

- Start your visit at the Ragged School Museum and learn about the lives of children living in East London and attending this 'poor school' set up by Dr. Barnardo in 1867.
- Wander through the wonders of Mile End Park. This community park was established after the Second World War in the space created by the severe bombing in this area. The park now boasts beautifully landscaped grounds, an ecology centre, gallery and adventure playground among its many attractions.
- Follow the towpath alongside the park and continue until you reach Limehouse Basin. Have a drink or a bite to eat as you admire the impressive modernity of the developments around the marina.
- Find out about the changing role of the canals and waterways in the history and development in this part of the city from the interpretation boards around the Basin to finish your exceptional day in the east.

To find out about even more entertainment around the canals and rivers in East London turn to pages 10 and 11...

NORTH LONDON

Stretching all the way up to Bishop's Stortford and winding through the expansive Lee Valley Park, the rivers and canals north of London offer incredible access to the wonderful wildlife and open spaces that go hand-in-hand with the waterways across the country. With plenty of places to visit along the way ranging from the quaint to the quirky you'll be spoilt for choice with a day on the network in North London.

- A unique day on the rivers north of London starts at Parndon Mill gallery and crafts space. With a gallery, studios and workshops housed in the four-story mill, this picturesque setting on the banks of the River Stort is a refreshing get-away at the heart of Harlow.
- Another unmissable attraction for every art and design lover is the Gibberd House and Gardens alongside the waterway a few miles out of the town. Stunning sculpture punctuates this lovingly landscaped eight acre plot. With another surprise seemingly beneath every bow this site is a hive of hidden gems.
- Lunch and much more fine fare can be found in the near-by market town of Hertford. As a conservation area, the town is full of provincial charm and has plenty of shops, pubs and eateries to explore. End the day with tour of the castle and bask in the stunning surroundings that have attracted visitors to North London's waterways for centuries.

For more things to do in North London, turn to pages 12 and 13...

All bookings should be made directly with individual attractions, boat trip companies and catering services and should be booked in advance. British Waterways London is not responsible for individual companies. Recommended itineraries are to help you with your ideas for days out. Not all companies listed offer group facilities. All information is correct at time of going to print.

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Waterscape.com is a dedicated website offering inspirational information on everything related to leisure activities on and around Britain's waterways. Find information by area or activity or search for events going on around canals and rivers across London and the UK.

CENTRAL LONDON

AREAS OF INTEREST

Little Venice

The poet Robert Browning was one of the first people to compare Little Venice to the Italian city from which it takes its name. The Pool of Little Venice, with its tree-clad island in the middle, marks the junction of the Regent's Canal and the Paddington Branch of the Grand Union Canal.

Regent's Park

The park offers stunning landscaped gardens, sports facilities, cafés, an atmospheric open-air theatre and the world famous ZSL London Zoo. Between 1812 and 1827 the park was laid out in its current form, to great public acclaim, by architect John Nash.

Camden Town

The market at Camden Lock is rightly famed for the exotic range of goods on sale. The converted stables surrounding the market house an eclectic gathering of artists and artisans doing everything from restoring antique furniture to creating modern crafts and clothing.

Islington Tunnel

Opened in 1820, Islington Tunnel has no towpath so barges had to be 'legged' through. It is well worth taking a diversion from the towpath at this point to explore the market, antique shops, bars and restaurants nearby.

ATTRACTIONS

Canal Café Theatre

Contact: Emma Taylor
The Bridge House, Delamere Terrace,
London W2 6ND
T: 020 7289 6054
E: mail@canalcafetheatre.com
www.newsrevue.com or
www.canalcafetheatre.com
Variety of performances, primarily comedy and cabaret, in a cosy informal atmosphere. Max 60, min 10 for groups. Group and tour operator discount.

London Canal Museum

12/13 New Wharf Road,
London N1 9RT
T: 020 7713 0836
E: groups@canalmuseum.org.uk
www.canalmuseum.org.uk
Set in an old ice warehouse, the museum tells the 200-year-old story of London's canals. No max, min 10 for groups. Groups and tour operator discount.

ZSL London Zoo

Outer Circle, Regent's Park,
London NW1 4RY
T: 020 7449 6235
E: marketing@zsl.org
www.zsl.org/london-zoo
Set in leafy Regent's Park among heritage-listed buildings and beautiful gardens, ZSL London Zoo houses over 8,000 species of animals and is a major centre for conservation and research. No max, min 10 for groups. Group and tour operator discount. Credit accounts available. Best rates for bookings seven days in advance or online.

Movingstage Marionette Company

Contact: Juliet Rogers
Blomfield Road, Little Venice,
London W9 2PF
T: 020 7249 6876
E: puppet@movingstage.co.uk
www.puppetbarge.com
Magical and imaginative puppet shows, staged on a barge at Little Venice from December to June. Max 55, dependent on availability. Group and tour operator discount.

Camley Street Natural Park and Visitor Centre

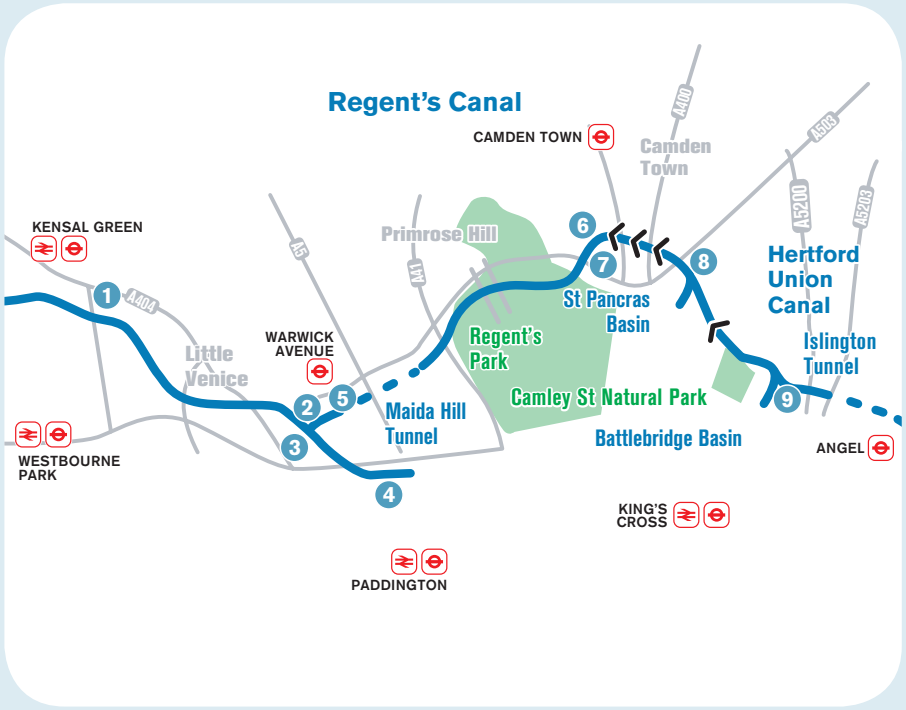
Contact: Caroline Richards
Camley Street, London NW1 0PW
T: 020 7833 2311
E: camleyst@wildlondon.org.uk
www.wildlondon.org.uk
Two unique acres of wild green space right in the heart of London. Special features at this innovative and internationally acclaimed reserve include a pond, meadow and woodland, providing a natural environment for birds, bees, butterflies, amphibians and a rich variety of plant life. Max 30, min 5 for groups. Free entry to everyone and special guided tours for groups. Environment education service.

Kensal Green Cemetery

Contact: Henry Vivian-Neal,
Friends of Kensal Green Cemetery,
C/o General Cemetery Company,
Harrow Road, London W10 4RA
T: 07951 631001
E: henryvivianneal@btinternet.com
www.kensalgreen.co.uk
The cemetery was established by an Act of Parliament in 1832 to create a spacious park for the hygienic burial of the dead and a place of recreation. Among other famous names, Sir Marc and Isambard Kingdom Brunel, Anthony Trollope and William Makepeace Thackeray are buried here. Tours available every Sunday regardless of weather. Tours on the first and third Sunday of the month include a visit the catacombs.

Jongleurs

Middle Yard, Camden Lock,
London NW1 6AB
T: 0870 787 0707
www.jongleurs.com
Famous UK comedy club chain.



EATING AND DRINKING

1. **Grand Union,** Westbourne Park — Pf
   T: 020 7286 1886
2. **The Waterway,** Little Venice — Pf
   T: 020 7266 3557
   Boathouse, Little Venice — R
   T: 020 7286 6752
   Warwick Castle Pub, Little Venice — Pf
   T: 020 7432 1331 / 020 7266 0921
3. **The Waterside Café and Information Centre,** Little Venice — C
   T: 020 7566 4665
   The Bridge House, Little Venice — Pf
   T: 020 7432 1361
4. **Core Grill,** Paddington — C
   T: 020 7724 4945
5. **Café La Ville,** Little Venice — C
   T: 020 7706 2620
6. **The Engineer Pub,** Camden — Pf
   T: 020 7722 0950
   Sardo Canale, Camden — R
   T: 020 7722 2800
7. **Starbucks,** Camden & Information Centre — C
   T: 020 7485 1986
8. **The Constitution Pub,** Camden — P
   T: 020 7387 4805
9. **Canal 125,** King's Cross — Pf
   Tel: 020 7837 1924

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R = Restaurant C = Café

AREAS OF INTEREST

Black Jack's Lock and Troy Cut

Black Jack's Lock is striking with its brilliant white bridge arch and black lock gates beyond. The lock is named after Black Jack's Mill which stands close to the lock and is now a restaurant. Further along the canal at West Hyde is a 1,000-yard branch of the canal known as Troy Cut. The lock-less branch opened in 1822 was built to serve Troy Mill and some chalk pits.

Denham

The deepest lock on the Grand Union Canal is Denham Deep. Its depth was forced by local millers to take the canal over the Fray's River, a man made river dug by a Mr Fray to serve six mills through Uxbridge, Cowley and West Drayton. Beside this stretch of the canal is Denham Country Park and Nature Reserve.

Cowley Lock

It was from this junction in 1801 that passengers could take the Paddington Packet Boat to London. Cowley Lock itself marks the beginning of a 27 mile lock-free stretch of water into central London.

Hanwell Flight of Locks

A Scheduled Ancient Monument, Hanwell Flight is six locks that raise the canal by just over 53 feet in a third of a mile.

ATTRACTIONS

Kew Bridge Steam Museum

Contact: Jo Willis
Green Dragon Lane, Brentford,
Middlesex TW8 0EN
T: 020 8568 4757
E: group@kbsm.org
www.kbsm.org
Former Victorian water pumping station, now home to a world-renowned collection of steam pumping engines and a permanent exhibition about London's water supply. Max 50, min 10 for groups. Group discount 10- 39 people 10%, 40+ people 15%. Guided tours available. Group leaders and tour operators free. Mon - Fri organised tours of museum, special operations of the steam engines. Sandwich lunch can be arranged and tea, coffee and biscuits if required.

Denham Country Park

Denham Court Drive, Denham,
Uxbridge UB9 5PG
T: 01895 833375
E: countryparks@buckscc.gov.uk
www.buckscc.gov.uk
Bucks Country Parks: 01753 511060
For events listings and family fun days please contact The Colne Valley Visitor Centre on 01895 833375
The 69 acres of park land offer opportunities for quiet informal recreation with links to local footpaths, bridleways and the South Bucks Long Distance Route. Car parking available.

The Musical Museum

399 High Street, Brentford,
Middlesex TW8 ODU
T: 020 8560 8108
E: fred.stone@musicalmuseum.co.uk
www.musicalmuseum.co.uk
With one of the world's foremost collections of automatic instruments the museum takes visitors on a musical journey into the past with the diverse permanent collection and a range of specialist temporary exhibitions. Riverside tearoom offering a range of refreshments.

Osterley Park and House

Contact: the Property Assistant for opening times.
Jersey Road, Isleworth, Middlesex TW7 4RB
T: 020 8232 5050
E: osterley@nationaltrust.org.uk
www.nationaltrust.org.uk/osterley
Robert Adam designed this house which is set in over 350 acres of beautiful gardens, park and farm land.
Max 100, min 15 for groups. Group discount and private tours available when booked in advance. Please book at least 7 days before you visit.

Park Lodge Farm

Harvil Road, Uxbridge, Middx UB9 6JP
T: 01895 824425
Dairy and sheep farm set in 550 acres, with a rotary milking parlour.

Royal Botanic Gardens

Kew, Richmond, Surrey TW9 3AB
T: 020 8332 5655
E: info@kew.org
www.rbgkew.org.uk
Set in 300 acres beside the River Thames, the Royal Botanic Gardens is home to the world's largest and most diverse collection of living plants with over 40,000 different species.

Slough Museum

278-286 High Street, Slough SL1 1NB
T: 01753 526422
E: info@sloughmuseum.co.uk
www.sloughmuseum.co.uk
Museum tracing Slough's colourful past.
Open Wednesday - Saturday 11:30 - 16.00.

Syon Park and House

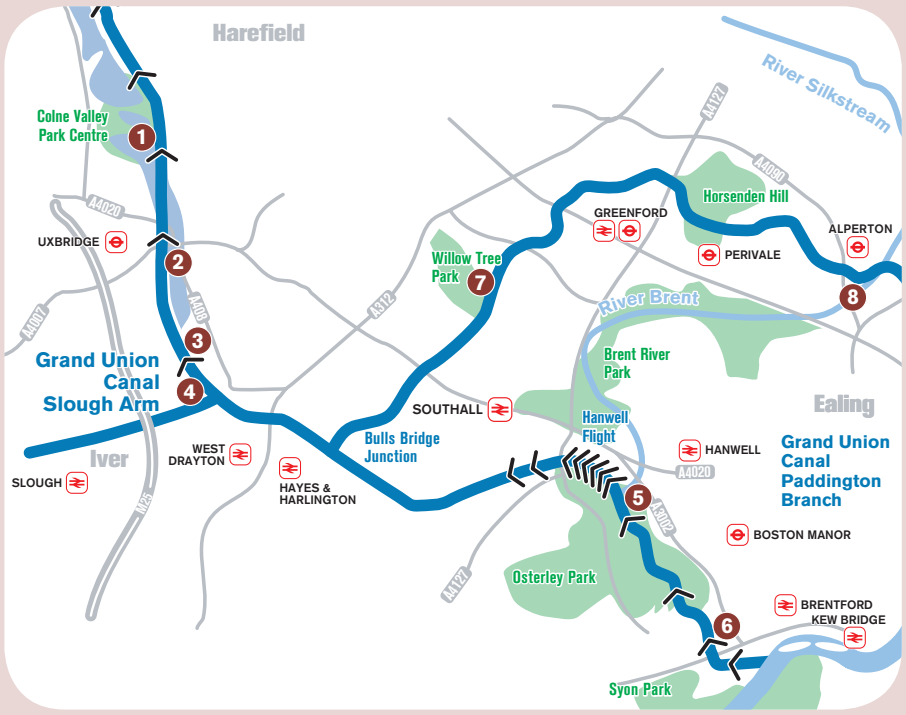
Brentford, Middx TW8 8JF
T: 020 8560 0881
E: info@syonpark.co.uk
www.syonpark.co.uk
Syon House stands in landscaped parkland designed by Capability Brown and looks out over the River Thames to Kew Gardens.

Watermans

40 High Street, Brentford TW8 0DS
T: 020 8232 1010
E: info@watermans.org.uk
www.watermans.org.uk
Multipurpose arts centre with theatre, cinema, gallery, river terrace and café/bar.

Rickmansworth Aquadrome

Frogmoor Lane, Off Hartfield Road, Rickmansworth, Herts WD3
T: 01923 776 611
E: enquiries@threerivers.gov.uk
www.threerivers.gov.uk
The Aquadrome Local Nature Reserve offers 100 acres of water, woodland and semi-landscaped parkland with walks including a 1.6m scenic Alder trail. Accessible picnic areas with enclosed dog-free space, children's playground and refreshment kiosk. There are a variety of water-based sports clubs including fishing, windsurfing, water skiing, sailing and kayaking.



EATING AND DRINKING

1. **Fran's Tea Garden,** Denham Deep Lock — C
   T: 01895 271070
2. **The Swan and Bottle Pub,** Uxbridge — Pf
   T: 01895 234047
3. **The Malt Shovel,** Cowley — Pf
   T: 01895 233121
4. **The Turning Point,** Cowley — Pf
   T: 01895 440550
5. **The Fox,** Hanwell — Pf
   T: 020 8567 3912
6. **Grounds Coffee and Wine Bar** — C
   T: 020 8847 5777
   The Weir Bar and Dining Room, Brentford — Pf
   T: 020 8568 3600
7. **Quayside Bistro and Wine Bar,** Yeading — R
   T: 020 8841 2500

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THE LONDON WATERWAY MAP

BOATING IN LONDON

There's no better way to experience the capital and its waterways than by boat.

A variety of companies offer a range of boating experiences from guided tours to first-class catering across London. This map shows boating organisations according to where they are based, however many work across the network. Please use the **contact details on page 15** to get in touch, find out more or make a booking.

1. **Batchworth Lock Canal Centre**
2. **Hillingdon Narrowboats Association**
3. **Denham Day Boats**
4. **West London Floating Classroom**
5. **Jason's**
6. **London Waterbus**
7. **Beauchamp Lodge**
8. **The Floating Boater**
9. **Canal and River Cruises**
10. **Walker's Quay**
11. **London Canal Cruises**
12. **Laburnum Boat Club**
13. **Lee Valley Boat Centre**
14. **Annie's Launch**
15. **Canal Boat Project**

PUBLIC TRANSPORT

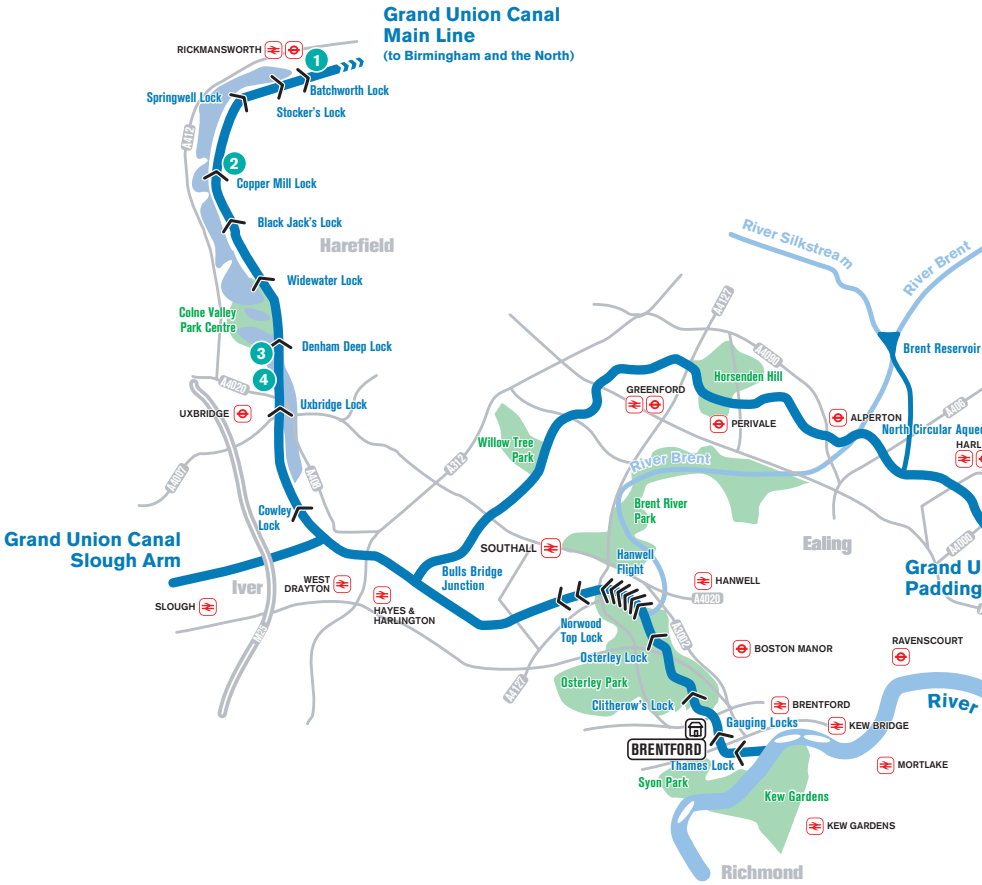
One of the best ways to travel to and around central London is by public transport. Many of our waterways are very easily accessible from local hubs. This map shows major over land and underground stations near to the canals and rivers to help you plan your journey around the network.

Find more information on public transport across London by rail or road at www.tfl.gov.uk

COACH PARKING

For a comprehensive list and detailed map of coach parking in central London visit www.tfl.gov.uk

1. **Warwick Road,** Under Tesco's, W14
   Over 30 bays, double-deckers permitted, Euro Carparks
   T: 020 7853 7150
2. **Tower Hill,** Lower Thames Street, EC3
   16 bays, free drop off and pick up.
   Open 24 hours/day.
   Credit cards accepted.
   Apcoa Parking,
   T: 0870 241 7492
3. **O2, Greenwich Coach Park**
   East Parkside,
   Greenwich Peninsular, SE10
   73 bays, open 10.00 - midnight, later for events
   T: 020 8463 2000



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Canal continues
Tunnel
Other Waterways
Ware Lock
Lock and Lock Name
Parkland
Wetland
PADDINGTON
British Waterways Main Office
DOCKLANDS
British Waterways Local Office
M11
Motorway
A10
Main roads
National Rail Station
London Underground Station
Docklands Light Railway Station
Bishop's Stortford
BISHOP'S STORTFORD
South Mill Lock
Twyford Lock
Great Hallingbury
Spellbrook Lock
Little Hallingbury
Tednambury Lock
Sawbridgeworth
Sawbridgeworth Lock
SAWBRIDGEWORTH
Sheering Mill Lock
Feakes Lock
Harlow Lock
HARLOW MILL
Latton Lock
HARLOW TOWN
Harlow
River Stort Navigation
Eastwick
Burnt Mill Lock
Parndon Mill Lock
Hunsdon Mill Lock
ROYDON
Brick Lock
Roydon Lock
Lower Lock
Feilde's Weir Lock
RYE HOUSE
Hoddesdon
Stanstead Abbotts
ST MARGARETS
Stanstead Lock
Hardmead Lock
WARE
HERTFORD EAST
Ware
Ware Lock
Hertford Lock
Hertford
Dobb's Weir Lock
BROXBOURNE
Carthagena Lock
Nazeing Marshes
Aqueduct Lock
Cheshunt Lock
CHESHUNT
Waltham Common Lock
Waltham Town Lock
WALTHAM CROSS
Waltham Abbey
Rammey Marsh Lock
ENFIELD LOCK
Enfield Lock
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Enfield
BRIMSDOWN
Reservoirs
River Lee Navigation
Ponders End Lock
Chingford
Pickett's Lock
ANGEL ROAD
NORTHUMBERLAND PARK
Tottenham Marshes
TOTTENHAM HALE
Stonebridge Lock
Tottenham Lock
WALTHAMSTOW
Walthamstow Marshes
LEYTON
Springfield Park
CLAPTON
Hackney Marsh
HACKNEY
HACKNEY WICK
STRATFORD
Old Ford Lock
Bow Back Rivers
Mile End Park
MILE END
Bow Lock
BROMLEY-BY-BOW
Limehouse Cut
Bow Creek (tidal)
LIMEHOUSE
CANARY WHARF
WEST INDIA QUAY
NORTH GREENWICH
DOCKLANDS
TOWER HILL
CAMBRIDGE HEATH
Victoria Park
Islington Tunnel
Hertford Union Canal
ANGEL
Battlebridge Basin
Camley St Natural Park
St Pancras Basin
St Pancras Lock
Regent's Park
Maida Hill Tunnel
Hawley Lock
Kentish Town Lock
Hampstead Road Lock
Primrose Hill
Camden Town
CAMDEN TOWN
Regent's Canal
KING'S CROSS
BLACKFRIARS
TEMPLE
EMBANKMENT
LONDON BRIDGE
PIMLICO
VAUXHALL
PUTNEY BRIDGE
PADDINGTON
HAMMERSMITH
WESTBOURNE PARK
WARWICK AVENUE
Little Venice
KENSAL GREEN
WILLESDEN JUNCTION
Mutton Brook
Thames

EAST LONDON

AREAS OF INTEREST

Mile End Park

This groundbreaking park is an innovative example of the best of urban design and regeneration. With fantastic views of the city running alongside the Regent's Canal this open urban space has something for everyone.

Limehouse Basin

Formerly the Regent's Canal Dock, the basin was where cargo from around the world would arrive to be unloaded onto narrowboats and transported across the country. Once the hub of Britain's canal system, the area has since been transformed. New housing and the creation of an attractive marina means the Limehouse Basin still attracts boats from around the world, all be it for very different reasons.

Limehouse Cut

The Limehouse Cut is one of the earliest manmade canals in London. Today it provides a route of calm and quiet between Limehouse and Three Mills, a step away from the hustle and bustle of the near-by city streets.

Three Mills

The Three Mills area around Bromley-by-Bow at the southern end of the Lee Valley is a reminder of the River Lee Navigation's industrial past. Corn and gunpowder were both milled here in the 16th Century, followed by grain for gin distilling and finally flour. Of greatest note is the striking Grade I listed House Mill, built in 1776 and said to be one of the most powerful tide mills ever built.

Poplar Dock and Blackwall Basin Marinas

These marinas offer boaters and walkers one of the finest views in London. Poplar Dock alone has moorings for 85 boats, varying from traditional narrowboats to sailing vessels and luxury yachts.

West India Quay, Docklands

In 1802 the West India Docks opened and were considered to be the country's greatest civil engineering structure of their day, now they are home to London's finest examples of Grade I Listed warehouses. Built in 1825, these elegant buildings have been developed to provide a lively centre of entertainment including waterside cafés, shops, restaurants and bars and a 12 screen cinema.

ATTRACTIONS

Museum in Docklands

Contact: Emma Roberts
No. 1 Warehouse, West India Quay,
Hertsmere Road E14 4AL
T: 0870 444 3855
E: info@museumindocklands.org.uk
www.museumindocklands.org.uk
Explore the story of London's River, Port and people from its Roman settlement to the recent regeneration of Docklands. No max, min 10 for groups. Adult groups of 10+ booking in advance are entitled to a 20% discount.

Ragged School Museum

Contact: Aretha George
46-50 Copperfield Road, London E3 4RR
T: 020 8980 6405
E: enquiries@raggedschoolmuseum.org.uk
www.raggedschoolmuseum.org.uk
Tells the unique story of the East End of London and Dr Barnardo's largest ragged school. Max 25, min 6 for groups. Small charge for groups booking adult talks, otherwise free entry.

The Waterworks Nature Reserve and Golf Centre

Contact: Derek Rodriguez
Lammas Road (off Lea Bridge Road),
Leyton, London E10 7NU
T: 020 8988 7566
E: thewaterworks@leevalleypark.org.uk
www.leevalleypark.org.uk
This £2.8 million development includes a nature reserve, 'Close Up On Wildlife' visitor experience and leisure centre. A cafeteria provides catering for groups. The nature reserve is free to the public. Group tours available. 18 hole, Par 3 public golf course. Nature Reserve and 'Close Up On Wildlife' visitor experience. Max 80, min 10 for groups.

V&A Museum of Childhood

Cambridge Heath Road, London E2 9PA
T: 020 8983 5200
E: mocbookings@vam.ac.uk
www.museumofchildhood.org.uk
The V&A Museum of Childhood aims to encourage everyone to explore the themes of childhood past and present and develop an appreciation of creative design through inspirational collections and programmes. Free admission.

Chisenhale Art Place and Gallery

64-84 Chisenhale Road, London E3 5QZ
T: 020 8981 1916
E: admin@chisenhale.co.uk
www.chisenhale.co.uk
An established gallery with an international reputation. Large, publicly funded space dedicated to profiling UK and internationally based emerging artists' which also houses a dance space and artists studios, all with public arts programmes.

Geffrye Museum

Kingsland Road, London E2 8EA
T: 020 7739 9893
www.geffrye-museum.org.uk
info@geffrye-museum.org.uk
The Geffrye Museum presents the changing style of the English domestic interior from 1600 to the present day through a series of period rooms.

Island History Trust

Dockland Settlement, 197 East Ferry Road, London E14 3BA
T: 020 7987 6041
www.islandhistory.org.uk
The Island History Trust is a community history project dedicated to recording and preserving the history of the Isle of Dogs and the people who live there.

Jongleurs

Bow Wharf, 221 Grove Road, London E3 1AA
T: 08700 111965
www.jongleurs.com
Famous UK comedy club chain.

Mudchute Park and Farm

Pier Street, London E14 3HP
T: 020 7515 5901
E: info@mudchute.org
www.mudchute.org
Farm, park, recreational and educational centre a stone's throw away from the waterside in the heart of the Docklands.

Prenelle Gallery

West India Quay, London E14
T: 020 7093 0628
E: aprenelle@googlemail.co.uk
www.prenelle.com
Floating contemporary art gallery.

SS Robin

West India Quay, Hertsmere Road, London E14 4AE
T: 020 7538 0652
E: info@ssrobin.org
www.ssrobin.org
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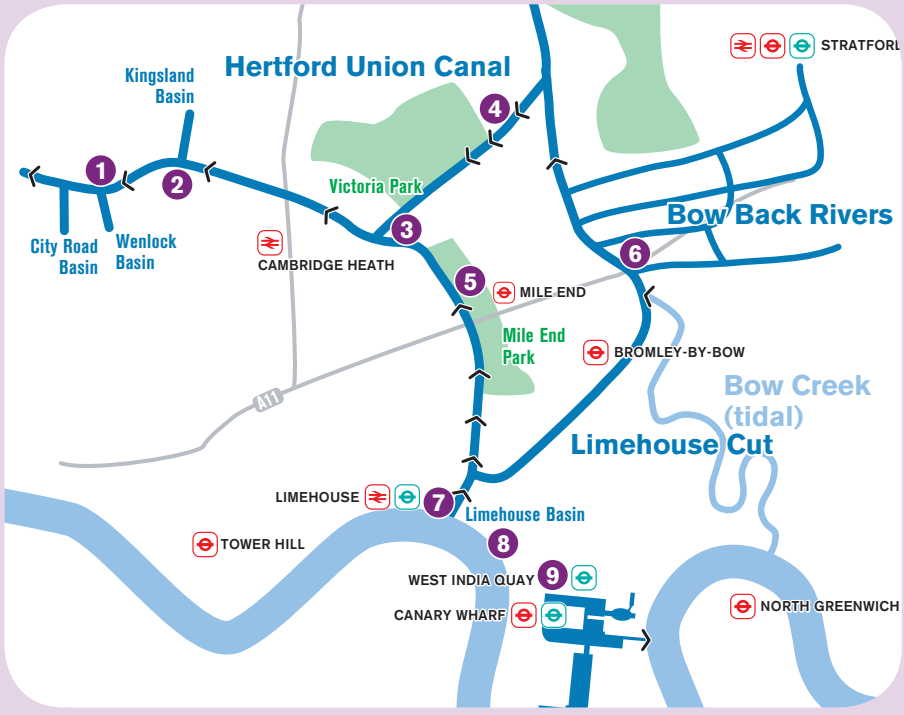

EATING AND DRINKING

1. **Narrow Boat Pub,** Angel — Pf
   T: 020 7288 0572
2. **Water House Restaurant,** Hackney — R
   T: 020 7033 0123
3. **Fat Cat Café Bar,** Bow Wharf — C
   T: 020 8983 4353
4. **Top O' The Morning Pub,** Hackney — P
   T: 020 8985 9917
5. **The Palm Tree,** Mile End Park — P
   T: 020 8980 2918
6. **The Miller's House Café** — C
   T: 0208 980 4626
7. **The Narrow, Limehouse** — Pf
   T: 020 7592 7950
8. **The Grapes Pub,** Limehouse — Pf
   T: 020 7987 4396
9. **1802,** West India Quay — Pf
   T: 0870 4443886

   Bar 38, West India Quay — Pf
   T: 020 7515 8361

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RIVERS NORTH OF LONDON

AREAS OF INTEREST

Lee Valley Park

From Ware in Hertfordshire down to the River Thames, the Lee Valley Park stretches 23 miles on both sides of the River Lee Navigation. The unique natural features of this 10,000 acre site have been shaped to provide a mosaic of countryside areas, urban green spaces, heritage sites, country parks, nature reserves and lake and riverside trails.

Hertford

Hertford is the upper limit of the River Lee and the town is the meeting place for three other rivers - the Mimram, Rib and Beane. Its long history, dating back to Saxon times, can be viewed at the local museum. The Castle, which was built by the Normans after the Conquest still has its 15th Century gatehouse intact. Hertford has many pubs and shops and is a paradise for antique lovers, as well as hosting a general market on Saturdays.

Broxbourne

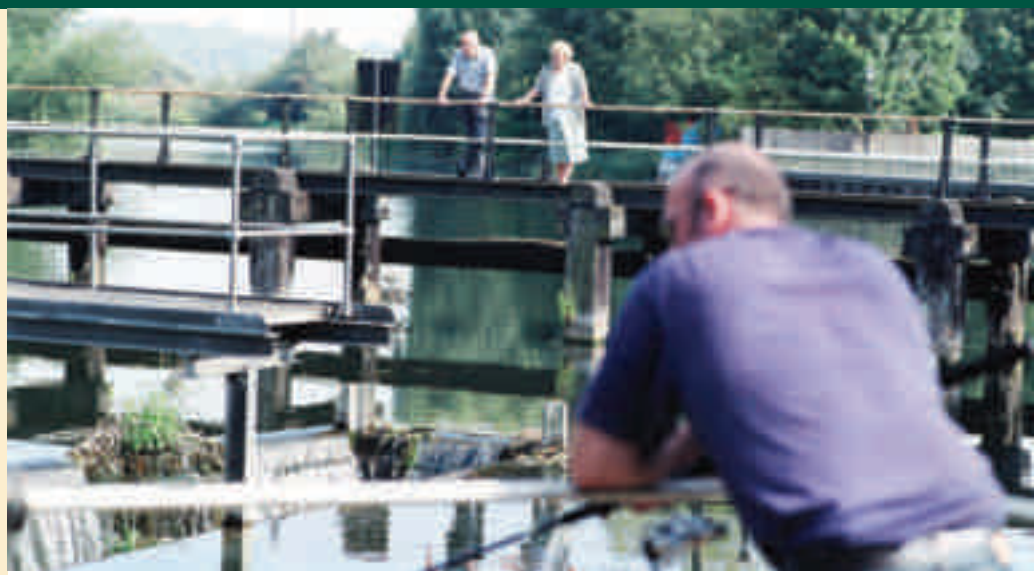
Broxbourne is an ideal place to enjoy a cruise, hire a bicycle for the day or relax in a riverside pub. During spring and summer small motor and rowing boats are available for hourly hire.

Bishops's Stortford

At the head of the River Stort, near the Hertfordshire-Essex border lies the ancient market town of Bishop's Stortford. Signs of the first Roman settlement, the remains of Waytemore Castle (built in 1605), medieval buildings such as St Michael's Church and several 16th and 17th Century pubs offer a rich heritage to explore.

Harlow

This attractive area on the River Stort provides many recreational opportunities on and around the water and is a good starting point for many circular walks through the countryside.



ATTRACTIONS

RSPB Rye Meads Nature Reserve

Contact: Claudia Oliver
Rye Meads Visitor Centre Rye Road,
Stanstead Abbots, Herts SG12 8JS
T:01992 708383
E:rye.meads@rspb.org.uk
www.rspb.org.uk
This fantastic nature reserve has something for everyone with great views of wildlife from trails and hides. There is an extensive events programme throughout the year.
Entrance to the reserve is free. Open from 10am until 5pm (or dusk if earlier), every day of the year apart from Christmas Day and Boxing Day.

The Gibberd House & Garden

Marsh Lane, Gilden Way, Harlow,
Essex CM17 0HA
T: 01279 442112
E: enquiries@thegibberdgarden.co.uk
www.thegibberdgarden.co.uk
The eight acre site is a treasure trove of architectural and artistic delights which are dotted across a beautifully appointed plot.

Harlow Museum and Roman Temple

Passmores House, Third Ave, Harlow,
Essex CM18 6YL
T: 01279 454959
www.tmoh.com
Fascinating displays of objects and memorabilia are housed in five galleries within this 19th Century Stable Block at Mark Hall Manor.

Hertford Castle

The Castle, Hertford,
Herts SG14 1HR
T: 01992 552885
www.hertford.gov.uk
Grade I listed building on the site of a Norman Castle in the heart of Hertford, surrounded by a 12th Century flint and stone curtain wall.
Events run from May to October.

Hertford Museum
18 Bull Plain, Hertford,
Herts SG14 1DT
T: 01992 582686
E: hertfordmuseum@btconnect.com
www.hertford.net/museum
A local history museum in an early 17th Century town house. Charming recreated 'Jacobean knot' garden of intertwined hedges of box and lavender. Open Saturdays - Tuesdays.

Lowewood Museum
High Street, Hoddesdon,
Herts EN11 8BH
T: 01992 445596
www.lowewood.com
Discover the fascinating story of the local area through displays of geology and social history as well as photographs of town life in the 19th Century.

Markfield Beam Engine and Museum
Markfield Road, Tottenham, London N15 4RB
T: 01707 873628 E: info@mbeam.org
Small museum dedicated to public health engineering and the steam driven pumping plant. Original 1886 Engine House and beam engine for pumping sewage.

Parndon Mill
Parndon Mill, Harlow, Essex CM20 2HP
T: 01279 426042
www.parndonmill.co.uk
A hive of creative activity, the four-story mill houses a gallery and artists' studios at this picturesque setting on the banks of the River Stort. Parking limited, large groups should contact venue in advance.

Rye House Gate House
Rye Road, Hoddesdon, Herts
T: 01992 702200
E: info@leevalleypark.org.uk
www.leevalleypark.org.uk
Built in 1443 the Gate House stands on one of the finest medieval moated sites in Hertfordshire. Today the Gate House contains an exhibition on the history of the site, a shop, and information desk. The Rye House pub and RSPB Nature Reserve are also close by.

Waltham Abbey Church
Highbridge St, Waltham Abbey,
Essex EN9 1DG
T: 01992 767897
E: parish.office@walthamabbeychurch.co.uk
www.walthamabbeychurch.co.uk
This Norman Abbey was founded in 1060 by King Harold, who is reputedly buried here. Open every day except Good Friday and Christmas Day. Visitors' Centre is located in the Crypt. Guided tours by arrangement.

Waytemore Castle
Information available from Bishops Stortford Information Centre,
The Old Monastery Windhill
Bishop's Stortford, Herts CM23 2ND
T: 01279 655831
E: tic@bishopsstortford.org
www.bishopsstortfordtc.gov.uk
The remains of this motte and bailey castle dominate the picturesque town gardens which surround the River Stort as it snakes through the town.

EATING AND DRINKING

1. **The Old Barge, Hertford** Pf
   T: 01992 581871
2. **The Navigator,** Ware Pf
   01920 468628
3. **The Jolly Fisherman,** Stanstead Abbotts Pf
   T: 01920 870 125
4. **The Moorhen,** Harlow Pf
   T: 01279 423066
5. **The Tanner's Arms,** Bishop's Stortford P
   T: 01279 651 837
6. **The Fish & Eels,** Hoddesdon Pf
   T: 01992 466073
7. **The Crown,** Broxbourne Pf
   T: 01992 462244
8. **The Angel,** Waltham Abbey P
   T: 01992 718 671

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INTERESTS & ACTIVITIES

WALKING IN LONDON

One of the easiest and most enjoyable ways to explore London's canal network is on foot.

Not only do towpaths provide a route alongside the picturesque waterside, but the largely level gradient also makes the canal and river system a route walkers of a range of ages and enthusiasms can enjoy. British Waterways London walks leaflets are designed to help you get the most out of your canals and rivers. They feature routes around:

Little Venice and Camden
The Lea Valley
The East End
Hanwell
Harlow
Brentford and Syon Park
Broxbourne
Islington and Limehouse

Find more information and download the guides at:
www.waterscape.com/london_walks
or call 020 7985 7200

FOR GUIDED WALKS AROUND LONDON CONTACT:

Walk London, www.walklondon.org.uk
T: 0870 240 6094
London Walks, www.walks.com
T: 020 7624 3978
The Association of Professional Tourist Guides, www.aptg.org.uk
T: 020 7505 3000
The Guild of Registered Tourist Guides, www.blue-badge.org.uk T: 020 7403 1115

DISCOVER LONDON'S WILD SIDE

London's waterways provide vital green corridors across the capital where you can find wildlife thriving often in the most surprising locations. Look out for the solitary and spectacular kingfishers, the resurging water voles and the many species of flora and fauna that are blooming around canals and rivers.

To find out more about what you could spot and where to look visit: www.waterscape.com

ENJOY HERITAGE HIGHLIGHTS ACROSS THE NETWORK

In London the waterways are a combination of a 200 year old transport network from the heroic period of canal construction, and older river navigations. They encompass a range of structures, sites and buildings by famous engineers and architects such as John Rennie, Thomas Telford and Isambard Kingdom Brunel and illustrate Britain's proud industrial heritage. Alongside these national treasures stand modern interventions to create a varied architectural landscape that surprises and inspires visitors and passers-by alike.

FLOATING RESTAURANTS AND VENUES

Feng Shang Floating Chinese Restaurant, Camden
T: 020 7485 8137 / 0216
Levin is Strijd, West India Quay, Docklands
T: 020 7987 4002
MV Josephine, Heron Quays, Docklands
T: 020 7538 1329
Lotus Chinese Floating Restaurant, Limeharbour, Docklands
T: 020 7515 6445

SPECIAL EVENTS

London's waterways are home to many unique festivals and events throughout the year. For up to date information on what's going on in and around the capital visit www.waterscape.com/events and select London in the search box.

Regular canal-side festivals to look out for include:

IWA Canalway Cavalcade, first May bank holiday weekend, Little Venice, www.waterways.org.uk
Angel Canal Festival, September, Islington www.angelcanalfestival.org
Slough Canal Festival, September, Slough, www.slough.gov.uk
Ware Festival, early July Hertfordshire, www.wareonline.co.uk
Colne Valley Park Festival, July, Uxbridge, www.colnevalleypark.org.uk,

BOATING

Annie's Launch
T: 01279 721620 or 07946 047959
E: cruise@annieslaunch.co.uk
www.annieslaunch.co.uk
Narrowboat available for private charter on the picturesque River Stort. Catering from the onboard, licensed restaurant as well as arts trails, wine tasting and pampering trips can be booked in advance.
Contact for information on group sizes and availability.

Batchworth Lock Canal Centre
T: 01923 778382
Boat trips available from this picturesque site with visitor centre, brassiere, scenic walking routes and a busy programme of events.

Beauchamp Lodge
T: 020 7266 8249
E: info@beauchamplodge.co.uk
www.beauchamplodge.co.uk
Eco friendly electric barge offering boat trips and private hire on the Regent's and Grand Union Canal in London.
Groups: max 60.

Canal and River Cruises
T: 020 8442 0752, 07915 339779
E: info@canalandrivercruises.com
www.canalandrivercruises.com
Charming narrowboat available for charter all year round, on Grand Union Canal or the River Thames.
Groups: min 2, max 12 people.

Canal Boat Project
T: 01279 424444
www.canalboat.org.uk
Accessible and fully adapted canal boat available for private charter with or without skipper.

Denham Day Boats
Tel: 01895 271070
Narrowboats available for day hire.

The Floating Boater
T: 020 7266 1066
E: enquiries@floatingboater.co.uk
www.floatingboater.co.uk
Two narrowboats based in Little Venice available for charter, ideal for dinners with a difference or a range of private functions.
Groups: min 12, max 80.

Hillingdon Narrowboats Association
www.hna.org.uk
T: 01895 823582
E: hna_uk@yahoo.co.uk
Affordable narrowboat hire for schools, voluntary organisations and community groups.

Jason's
Contact: Humphrey
T: 020 7286 3428 / 07971631567
E: enquiries@jasons.co.uk or trips@jasons.co.uk for group bookings
www.jasons.co.uk
Daily narrowboat trips between Little Venice and Camden from April to October.
Weekends only from November to March for dinners, meetings, receptions and parties.
Groups: min: 15, max: 80, group and tour operator discount.

Laburnum Boat Club
T: 020 7729 2915
E: laburnumboatclub@tiscali.co.uk
www.laburnum.org
Two narrowboats available for half or full day private hire. Groups, max 12 per boat. Canoe hire and instruction as well as special events also based at this Hackney community facility

Lee Valley Boat Centre Ltd
Contact: Peter/Angela
T: 01992 462085
E: leevalleyboats@btconnect.com
www.riverleecruises.co.uk or
www.leevalleyboats.co.uk
Based in Broxbourne, this boat centre offers public trips and private hire on passenger boats seating 15 - 56 people as well as hourly hire of rowing and electric boats, pedaloes and canoes.

London Canal Cruises
T: 020 8440 8962
E: info@londoncanalcruises.com
www.londoncanalcruises.com
Traditional narrowboat available for exclusive private charter on the picturesque Regent's Canal. Eight-hour circular cruise via Camden and the North Circular Aqueduct, or personalised cruises taking in visits to the London Canal Museum, stops, meals and trips.
Groups, min 2, max 8.

London Waterbus
T: 020 7482 2660/2550
www.londonwaterbus.com
Scenic narrowboat trips between Little Venice and Camden with stops at ZSL London Zoo daily from April to October. Reduced timetable continues November - March. Private hire available, group discount for 20 or more places booked in advance.

Walker's Quay
T: 020 7485 4433
E: info@walkersquay.com
www.walkersquay.com
Regular 90 min narrowboat cruises from Camden to Little Venice from March to October. Restaurant boat available for public/private lunch and dinner cruises throughout the year.
Groups: min 20, max 98, group and tour operator discount.

West London Floating Classroom
T: 01895 832662
E: grace.kimble@groundwork.org.uk
Electric wide-beam barge available for private hire for functions and events on the Grand Union Canal. Private hire for groups: max 60.

KEY

Food & Drink	Boat Trip/ Floating Attraction	Private Boat Charter	Water Sports

British Waterways London

CONTACTS

British Waterways London
T: 020 7985 7200
F: 020 7985 7201
E: enquiries@britishwaterways.co.uk
www.britishwaterways.co.uk/london

For information on travelling to and around London by rail visit www.nationalrailenquiries.co.uk, T: 08712 004 950 or www.tfl.gov.uk/tube, T: 020 7222 1234.
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